

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1086
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Hazel Berry for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Hazel Berry, who recently received the President's Call to Service Award for her tireless service as an American Red Cross Volunteer with the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain Home; and

WHEREAS, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation called on all Americans to dedicate at least 4,000 hours over the course of their lives to serving others, and Mrs. Berry has dutifully answered this call during her forty-one years of distinguished volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, establishing an outstanding model of service that reflects this Nation's commitment to its veterans, Hazel Berry epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to community that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of committed service, Hazel Berry has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Berry's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Berry is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Hazel Berry is most thankful for the love and companionship she shared with her late husband, Richard Berry; and

WHEREAS, married for fifty-eight years, the Berry's were blessed with two wonderful children, Karen Tipton and Dianne Shew; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Berry is the proud grandmother of five grandchildren and great-grandmother to one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Berry served in the United States Navy during World War II, protecting the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Berry is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Hazel Berry upon receiving the President's Call to Service Award, commend her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.